

PERFINS OF THOMAS COOK & SONS LIMITED

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Following the two pages on Thomas Cook & Sons Limited in No. 151, May/June 1974 issue, I received letters from Messrs E. Eades, J.E. Enschede, A. Jorgensen, C.P. Pearce, J.L. Purcell, E. Ordang, P. Stockton and Dr O. Wouters. The information they gave is included in the following lists.

It was hoped that the firm of Thomas Cook could give some details about the use of their perfins, and publication of these notes has been held up while enquiries were made, but so far there have been no results.

The G.B. Perfins

<u>Possible</u>	T.C./&S on 1d red, plate 179 (Mr Jenning's List)
<u>Possible</u>	TC./&S 7,8/12,10 4½ on Q.V. 1880/83 2½d blue, p23 and 1d lilac, Jubilee 2½d.
Up to now no one has written about the identity of the above.	
<u>Probable</u>	TC./&S 7,8/14,10 4½ on Q.V. 1d lilac and Jubilee ½d orange, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 5d, 10d, 1/- green, 1/-green & carmine.
	K.E. VII 1d, 10d.
	K.E. VII perf 15x14 2½d, 3d.
<u>Cat No.110.4</u>	TC./&S 7,8/14,10 5
Mr Eades pointed out that there are at least three settings of this die and I have used his descriptions in making the following lists.	
Mr Enschede gave valuable help by kindly sending a collection of these perfins for me to see.	

- A. Base of 'T' to the left of the top hole of the 'ampersand' seen from the front of the stamp.
 - K.E.VII 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 5d, 1/-.
 - K.G.V. (Cypher) 1d, 1½d, 3d, 6d.
 - K.G.V. (Block) 6d.
- B. Base of 'T' to the right of the top hole of the 'ampersand' seen from the front of the stamp.
 - K.G.V. (Cypher) ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 4d.
 - K.G.V. (Block) 1d, 2d, 4d.
 - K.E.VIII 1½d
- C. Base of 'T' directly over top hole of the 'ampersand'.
 - K.G.V. (Cypher) 3d.
 - K.G.V. (Block) 2½d, 6d.
 - K.E.VIII 1½d.

T.C./A1

Cat No.110.2	TC/ & S	6, 7/12, 9	K.G.V. (1934-36) 4d, 5d. K.G.V1 Dark Colours $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 2d, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3d, 5d.
			Mr Eades reports the bottom hole of the 'T' as missing on his copies of the 2d and 5d.
			K.E.VIII 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
	TC/S	10, 10/11	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ K.G.V. (Block) $\frac{1}{2}$ d K.G.V. (1934-36) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
	TC/S	10, 10/9	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ K.G.V. (1934-36) $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 2d, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. K.E.VIII. $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d. K.G.VI. Dk. Cols, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. K.G.VI. Lt. Cols. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Mr Enschede says that the last two 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps were used in Stamp Affixing machines.

The Van Lint illustrations show the TC/S with 10,10/11 holes and I presumed that my examples (9 hole S) were indistinct and that two pins in the 'S' did not show. However, Mr Enschede lists examples both with an 11 pin and a 9 pin 'S'. Mr Purcell has the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d with 9 holes, and Mr Eades has several examples with 9 holes. It is possible that two pins broke off the original die.

Cat No.76.1	TC	6, 7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mr Jorgensen's list is as follows; K.G.VI. (1937-47) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 4d. (1941-42) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Q.E.II. (1952-54) 2d, 4d. (1955-58) 3d. (1958-65) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3d. (1967-69) 1d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d. (1971-72) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
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NOTE. This TC perfin has also been used by other concerns such as the Torquay Corporation and the Borough of Taunton.

USED IN EGYPT

This has not been confirmed.

TC/ & S	7, 8/14, 10	1884	1 pias ultramarine.
		1902	3m orange-yellow, 5m rose.
		1914	3m orange-yellow, 5m lake, 20m olive, 50m purple.
		1923-24	5m chestnut, 15m, 20m.
		1927-37	10m.

USED IN FRANCE

TC/ & S	7, 8/12, 10	Reported by Mr Urdang on Scott 270 - 65c Peace Type. One would have expected a Thomas Cook perfin to have been used in France, but it is not listed in my copy of Colonel Leblanc's "Les Timbres Francais Perforees" To be continued.
		T.C/A2